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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Connor Patrick J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(9-02)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.6	12/06/2011		A		10,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/06/2021	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Connor Patrick J

1 HORMEL PLACE Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

Signatures

Patrick J Connor, By Power of Attorney 12/08/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2012.

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